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David Cameron MP at CFI Annual Business Lunch: Hamas must stop terror and recognise Israel; Iran is a threat to international peace and security

David Cameron, newly elected leader of the Conservative Party, addressed a 500 strong audience (including half of the Parliamentary Party, peers and MEPs) at the CFI annual business lunch on Monday 30th of January 2006.

He said "I am proud not just to be a Conservative, but a Conservative friend of Israel; and I am proud of the key role CFI plays within our Party."

"Israel is a democracy, a strong and proud democracy, in a region that is, we hope, making its first steps in that direction."

David Cameron has thrown his weight behind the international appeal to Hamas to build on its election victory by committing Palestine to peace in the Middle East.

Cameron's message to Hamas was clear: "Cease to be a terrorist organisation and play a responsible part in democratic Palestinian politics. Accept that a two-state solution is the only way forward, and recognise Israel's right to exist."

"Understand that no responsible country – not Israel, not Britain, not the US – will negotiate with you unless you give up terror, and recognise that there will be no money for the Palestinian Authority if it is run by a Hamas still wedded to terror."

Cameron remains firm against the leadership in Iran, which has denied the Holocaust and wants to wipe Israel off the map

He said, "there can be no room for equivocation or prevarication on this issue. This talk is evil. We must stand up to it. The international community must now stand firm, and persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions, which pose a threat to international peace and security."

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David Gauke MP launches campaign to step up Government action against Iran

He said, "Israel should not act alone"

In a highly charged House of Commons debate initiated by David Gauke MP, Conservative Parliamentarians united to urge the Government to step up pressure on Iran. Only two backbench Labour MPs were present at the debate.

In a wide ranging speech, Mr Gauke observed the numerous and frequent human rights abuses in Iran, the attacks on Israel and the denial of the holocaust by the Iranian President - and the support for global terrorist networks by the Iranian regime.

Mr Gauke noted that all this came as a backdrop to the Iranian development of a nuclear programme. He set out evidence of attempts of the Iranians to develop and smuggle a large range of material or equipment necessary to create a nuclear bomb.

Mr Gauke urged the Government to consider sanctions and work with reformist movements in Iran and said that Israel should not be expected to act alone. Military action might be necessary as a last resort.

"Time is running out to stop Iran acquiring nuclear weapons. If we think we have a problem now, how much greater will that problem be when Iran acquires nuclear weapons?" **David Gauke MP, 2 February 2006, Hansard**

Brian Binley MP: We do Israel and the concept of world peace a total disservice if we create the situation in which it thinks that it needs to take action because we are not doing so. That creates a great danger in the middle east which we all need to recognise and face up to more positively than we have done to date.

Patrick Mercer MP: Anyone who cannot see the comparison between the situation in Iran and the situation in Iraq more than 10 years ago, and who does not feel the same lurch in his or her stomach when we discuss this subject, is blind to the lessons of the past three or four years in Iraq. If the west wishes to avoid another situation like the one that we face today, which is killing our soldiers day on day, we must understand that this is the most serious threat that we have faced for some years... We need less empty rhetoric and more action by the Government to ensure that we provide the right gestures, not just the right words.

Keith Simpson MP: Hon. Members have spoken passionately and I should like to congratulate Labour and Conservative Friends of Israel on some most effective lobbying... If we do not persuade the Iranians that we in the international community are serious, they will develop nuclear weapons and sooner rather than later one country in the middle east will actively intervene to prevent them. The consequence of that is too horrendous to contemplate.

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